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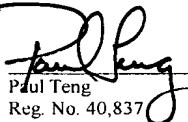
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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

One of the references (CN 1193570) listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 was cited in a November 3, 2006 official action in connection with a counterpart Chinese patent application. A copy of the November 3, 2006 Chinese official action and its English translation are also enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

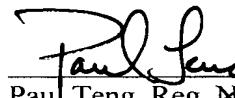
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